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## MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPION TO INSTRUCT FORT RILEY SOLDIERS

Fort Riley's combative program will receive defensive techniques from an international champion May 18.

Daniel De Lima, a martial arts black belt from Brazil, will instruct Soldiers during combatives training. De Lima was awarded the 2005 American International Champion title and is world championship medalist in Jiu-Jitsu.

During his visit to Fort Riley, he will help Military Programs Instructor David Durnil train lifesaving combatives techniques to Soldiers.

"Mr. De Lima is bringing a lifetime of experience to the program," Durnil said. "He is an internationally recognized expert in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, the core of the modern Army combatives program.

"Mr. De Lima is the head instructor of Gracie Barra Maimi (a Jiu-Jitsu and self defense school). He is the Fort Riley combatives instructors' instructor," Durnil said. "I am very proud of the both the products of our training as well as the individuals who make this training possible. It is a win-win situation when professionals such as Mr. De Lima give us valuable input in our training of Soldiers."

Media interested in attending the training must R.S.V.P. to the Public Affairs Office at 785-239-3033 by 4 p.m. May 16. Media should report to the Public Affairs Office by 9 a.m. May 18.